Amount released (Rs. in Lakhs)

S.No.	Name of the Scheme	1992-93	1993-94	1994-95
Scheduled Tribes Development:				
13.	Special Central Assistance	58.40	69.22	70.41
14.	Article 275(1)	17.22	32.25	31.50
15.	Research & Training	3.46	4.98	—
16.	Girls Hostels	6.12	3.65	—
17.	Boys Hostels	15.16	3.65	—
18.	Ashram Schools for STs	23.58	40.68	—
19.	Voluntary Organisations for STs.	29.47	27.39	27.11
Handicapped Welfare:				
20.	Assistance to disabled persons	442.50	451.75	693.67
21.	Assistance to voluntary organisations for disabled persons.	102.31	152.27	287.60
Social Defence:				
22.	Scheme of Prohibition of Drug Abuse Prevention	80.82	121.15	110.84
23.	Scheme of Prevention and Control of Juvenile Social Maladjustment	60.02	—	45.15
24.	Welfare of the Aged	5.94	49.61	79.82
25.	Welfare of Street Children	—	12.33	22.65
26.	Assistance to voluntary organisations for providing social defence service (General Grant-in-aid)	0.58	3.55	11.38
27.	Scheme for Adoption	—	—	1.27
Other Backward Classes:				
28.	National Backward Classes Finance and Development Corporation (Funds released by the Corporation)	88.10	258.50	949.45
29.	Scheme for Pre-Examination Coaching for Weaker Sections	0.75	6.52	33.52

Privatisation of Irrigation Projects

1214. SHRI S.S. SURJEWALA: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have set up a high level committee headed by Minister of Water Resources to examine the feasibility of privatisation of the irrigation and Multipurpose projects in the country;

(b) if so, whether Government propose to hand-over the existing irrigation projects including Reservoirs, Dams and Barrages to private companies;

(c) if so, the scope of such a handing over; and

(d) whether Government propose to execute and create a National Grid of Indian Rivers, if so, the plans in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI P.V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. A Committee under the Chairmanship of Union Minister of State in the Ministry of Water Resources has been constituted on 5.7.95 with a view to examine the feasibility and scope of private Sector participation in the irrigation and multipurpose projects.

(d) No, Sir. However, for maximising the availability of utilisable water, the Government has prepared national perspective for transfer of water from surplus areas to water deficit areas, which comprises two components viz.,

Himalayan River Development Component and Peninsular River Development Component. The National Water Development Agency is engaed in the task of preparing water balance and feasibility studies in this regard.

Evaluation of Performance of Non Government Colleges

1215. SHRI MOOLCHAND MEENA:
SHRI SANJAY DALMIA:
MAULANA OBAIDULLAH KHAN AZMI:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether University Grants Commission has requistioned the services of Educational Consultants India Limited for evaluation of performance of Non Government Colleges;

(b) if so, the main findings thereof; and

(c) the follow-up action proposed by Government in this regard?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPTT. OF EDUCATION & DEPTT. OF CULTURE) (KUMARI SELJA): (a) to (c) According to the information furnished by the UGC, the Commission has engaged the services of Educational Consultant India Ltd. (Ed. CIL) to evaluate the utilisation of grants paid to the private/non-Government Colleges under the College Development Schemes of the UGC during the 7th Plan period. The report of the Ed. CIL is still awaited.

Promotion of Fishery

1216. SHRI SARADA MOHANTY: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether steps have been taken by Government to promote fishery throughout the country;

(b) whether schemes have been prepared in the 8th Five Year Plan for every State and Union Territory; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI S KRISHNA KUMAR): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The following major Central Sector/Centrally Sponsored Schemes are being implemented during the Eighth Five Year Plan period for development of Marine and Inland Fisheries in the country:

(1) Fishery harbour facilities at Major Ports

(2) Provision of fishing harbour facilities at Minor Ports

(3) Freshwater Aquaculture

(4) Integrated Brackishwater Fish Farms Development

(5) Development of Coastal Marine Fisheries

  (a) Motorisation of Traditional Craft

  (b) Information of Plywood Craft

  (c) Introduction of Intermediate type of Craft for Offshore Pelagic Fishing

  (d) Re-imbursement of Central Excise Duty on High Speed Diesel (HSD) Oil used by fishing vessels below 20 m. length.

(6) Welfare of Fishermen

  (a) Group Accident Insurance

  (b) Model Fishermen Villages

  (c) Savings-cum-Relief

(7) Assistance for Strengthening of Inland Fish Marketing

(8) Enforcement of Marine Fishing Regulation Act (MFRA) and setting up of Artificial Reefs and Seafarming Project

(9) Training and fishery Extension.

The Central Sector/Centrally Sponsored Schemes are available for all States/Union Territories for implementation depending on the availability of marine/inland resources. Moreover, fisheries being a State subject it is for the State to prepare other suitable schemes taking into account their own requirements.

Ad hoc subsidy to DAP

1217. SHRI SUNDER SINGH BHANDARI: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state: